

## **Method For Utilizing Fragile Watermark For Enhanced Security**

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

5           A fragile watermark is embedded in a document. The fragile watermark provides enhance security. In one implementation, a method is provided for embedding information in an image so that the image will have different information when a scanning or printing process reproduces the image. The method includes embedding digital information in an image; printing the embedded digital information and the image  
10 to produce a original printed image; scanning the original printed image to obtain a digital image of the embedded information and the image; determining the signal strength of the original image; and comparing the signal strength of a printed image with the signal strength of the original printed image to determine whether or not the printed image is a copy of the original printed image.